

Texas Council of Child Welfare Boards

2025-2026 Award for Outstanding CPS / SSCC LEADER OF THE YEAR Nomination Form

This Award is to recognize an employee, program director, supervisor, caseworker, investigator, aide, or child assistant at any level in CPS who has been innovative or outstanding in supporting and promoting CPS programs. Special consideration is given to persons who worked directly with CPS volunteers between June 2025 and May 2026.

Submitted by:		Region:
Mailing Address:		
City:	Zip:	Telephone:
Email Address:		
Approved by:	Name of Board:	
Mailing Address:		
City:	Zip:	Telephone:
Email Address:		

Narrative: Please tell us how this nominee has contributed to the success of volunteer-ism and community support for services of CPS. List projects initiated or supported by nominee, innovations nominee has made to the CPS volunteer program, and/or special volunteer emphasis which makes nominee deserving of recognition. Attach information, not to exceed one (1) page. One photo must be attached.

Nominee's Name:		Region:
Nominee's Mailing Address:		
City:	Zip:	Telephone:
Nominee's Email Address:		
Caseworker's Name:		Telephone:
Caseworker's Email Address:		

Fostering Brighter Futures Website and Social Media Release Agreement

I, _____, grant permission to Fostering Brighter Futures (a project of the Texas Council of Child Welfare Boards) to post my, (or our), group, entity, business and/or my child's story, photo or other item, hereinafter referred to as "Materials," which I submit to and for the Fostering Brighter Futures website, Facebook (Fostering Brighter Futures), Twitter (@fbftexas), and/or Instagram (@fbfutures) accounts. I understand that a parent or legal guardian must give permission for a child under the age of 18. I understand that statements I make may be paraphrased for the sake of concise media postings.

I hereby release Fostering Brighter Futures from all claims and demands arising out of or in connection with any use of said "Material," including, without limitation, all claims for invasion of privacy, infringement of my right or publicity, defamation, and any other personal and/or property right.

To verify the material submitted, a representative from the following may be contacted:

___ Child Protective Services (CPS), ___ Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), ___ Attorney Ad Litem, or a ___ Licenses Child Placing Agency

Representative's Name: _____ **Phone:** _____ **Email:** _____

I understand that the material I submit cannot contain pictures, videos, names, or other identifying characteristics of a foster child. I acknowledge and agree that no sums whatsoever will be due to me as a result of the posting or use of the "Materials" or any rights therein.

Signature of Parent (or Legal Guardian): _____

Printed Name of Parent (or Legal Guardian): _____ **Date:** _____

I acknowledge that my child is under 18 years of age and lacks the legal capacity to enter into binding agreements. Accordingly, I have read this Release and Agreement and agree to my child's inclusion in the Materials and will not contest the rights waived in this Release, and shall assist and support Fostering Brighter Futures in any and all legal proceedings for affirmation of this Agreement, should either party choose to have a court of law affirm this Agreement.

Child's Name: _____

Signature of Parent (or Legal Guardian): _____

Printed Name of Parent (or Legal Guardian): _____ **Date:** _____

Deadlines:

- Nomination forms must be submitted to your **Regional Council** by: 11:59pm Monday **May 4, 2026**
- Regional Councils may submit one (1) nomination from each category to **TCCWB Awards Committee** at: awards@tccwb.org
Regular Mail Nominations will not be accepted.

Final Submissions must be received via email by 11:59pm Monday on June 8, 2026 to be eligible.

**** The Section to be completed by the Regional Chairperson ****

Regional Contact:	Phone:
Email Address:	

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Photo submission for 2025-2026 Award Nomination

We require a photo of each nominee to be submitted with the form.

The photo will be used in our Awards program.

Only one (1) photo per nominee, please.

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Narrative submission instructions for 2025-2026 Award Nomination

We ask that Narratives be informative concise and competitive. Please type your narrative on the next page, in section provided.

Narratives should be not exceed the space provided, be in a 12-pt font and remember to describe in as much detail as possible, as to why the person you are nominating deserves to be chosen over all other nominees from across the state.

**Narrative for
CPS LEADER OF THE YEAR**